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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: Laser Oscillator And Light Scattering  
Particle Detector Using The Same

**TRANSMITTAL OF CORRECTED FORMAL DRAWINGS  
NOT TO HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT  
BECAUSE THEY ARE FILED IN RESPONSE TO EXAMINER REQUIREMENT  
IN NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY DATED 18 JUNE 2004**

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**ATTENTION:** Official Draftsperson

Sir:

In connection with the subject application and pursuant to the Patent Office's Notice Of Allowability dated 18 June 2004, applicant encloses herewith for filing fourteen (14) sheets of replacement formal drawings containing Figs. 1-24.

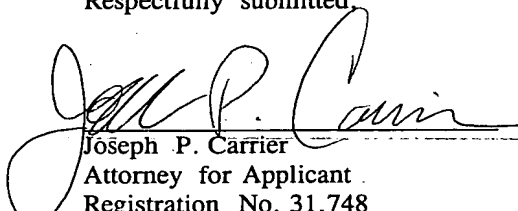
It is now believed that all of the Examiner's objections as set forth in the 27 February 2003 office action are now overcome.

Applicant understands that it has become routine for the Patent Office to assess negative Patent Term Adjustment against an applicant when said applicant files drawings after the Notice Of Allowability, when such drawings are not specifically requested in the Notice Of Allowability. These drawings, however, are filed in response to specific examiner request in the Notice Of Allowability, so no negative Patent Term Adjustment is warranted.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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